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The Valley College Monarchs defeated American River on Saturday and is headed to the Western State Conference Championship at Citrus College this weekend.

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WINTER SESSION IS BACK AT VALLEY

Valley College is offering a reduced winter 2012 session to help students stay on their educational track despite budget cuts and reduced classes.

ANNE CHRISTENSEN
STAFF WRITER

Valley College recently announced a limited selection of classes for the winter 2012 session, but only 16 for-credit courses are offered. This is compared to 47 offered during the winter 2011 session. "This will be a smaller winter session than in years past," said Valley President Susan Carleo in a press release. "We have focused our offerings in areas that will have the most benefit for our students."

The winter 2012 session schedule is available online now. Students who are interested in registering for winter should log in to the Student Information System for their registration appointment. High-demand core classes, such as English, math, and political science, are offered—but so are non-core classes like learning skills and physical education.

Reviewing the winter schedule reveals a disproportionate amount of non-transferable classes. Of the 90 classes offered, only 55 are transferable to a four-year college and 14 of those are one-unit physical education classes. Transferring from community college to a four-year state college requires at least 60 transferable units, but with the continued budget cuts reducing the number of courses offered, students are spending more time in community colleges before they can transfer.

Valley student Wenceslao Sarmientl, a 29-year-old music major, only has two classes left before transferring to CSUN. Currently enrolled in anthropology, the remaining class is the much sought-after math 125. Sarmientl is hoping for a shot at adding to the math class during the winter session. According to Sarmientl, three classes in particular have been tough to get into at Valley; anthropology, math, and laboratory activity—all required for transferring to a four-year college.

The selection of courses offered each semester comes down to a numbers game; courses that attract many students are most likely to be chosen. Valley depends on hitting a particular enrollment goal within a two percent accuracy mark to avoid losing out on funding. Too many or too few students result in Valley not receiving funding to cover the cost of teaching those students.

The classes are selected by a group headed by Valley's Vice President Sandy Mayo, and include various heads of departments and the governing body. Together they evaluate what courses are likely to guarantee a high enrollment. "We're obligated to fulfill the enrollment goal of the year," said Carleo. "We evaluate every year, student demands change, budgets change—it's always a moving target." Ultimately, the final decision is made by Carleo.

Sarmientl has been on schedule to transfer on time, but the amount of physical exercise classes compared to core requirements—

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ANTWONE MERCER, CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER | VALLEY STAR

CIVIL UNREST - An Occupy L.A. participant loses no sleep as his list of demands does all the talking. Approximately 300 people turned out downtown outside City Hall Friday, Oct. 28, 2011. Occupy Wall Street has spawned protests in more than 1,500 cities global, the most recent of which is in Van Nuys.

STATE CRACKS DOWN ON GRADING POLICY

A policy change from the Board of Governors now dictates that a "W" is considered as a class attempt.

JOSHUA P. SPENCE
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As school budgets continue to shrink, so do students' margin of error.

Effective summer 2012, Valley College students will have a maximum of three opportunities to receive a passing grade in a given class or have to complete said class in another district.

This new policy stems from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges passing an ordinance during the summer capping the number on course repetition. The initial plan was for implementation in the fall. Due to massive overhauling of internal infrastructure to accommodate the policy, an additional public comment period was required. The policy was approved Oct. 12 throughout California with colleges statewide having 120 days to implement the new policy.

While financials do prove to be a sticking point, so do ever-growing enrollment and class overcrowding.

"We might find that if students know they have three tries to succeed, then they might be more motivated to seek out assistance sooner," said Carleo. "The question has to be asked, 'If a person cannot pass after three tries, do you want to pay for a fourth attempt or is it time to pay for another student to have the class?' With limited resources, we have to make hard choices."

Students who drop or are excluded after the last day to drop without a grade of "W" will have it appear on their transcript, also counting as an attempt for that course. Furthermore, students will not be allowed to register for any course within the LACCD if there are three recorded attempts for that course in any combination of W, D, F or NP grades. This policy change also has a retroactive effect in that if a student has more than three "W's" or non-passing grades already, that student will have by the summer semester of 2012 to complete that class or risk having to complete it outside of the LACCD.

> **"We will need to monitor this situation and review the impact once we have several semesters of data."**
>
> -Sue Carleo
> Valley College President

The reason for students having to pursue classes outside the district after three attempts is due to district apportionment. The term is largely defined as the correlation between student attendance and the fiduciary budget the district receives.

According to the official wording in the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges revision to Title 5, a community college district may claim the attendance of students who repeat enroll in credit courses for state apportionment only if so authorized by this section and if all other requirements of this chapter are satisfied. For purposes of this section, an enrollment occurs when a student receives an evaluative or non-evaluative symbol.

A district may claim state apportionment for attendance of students for enrollments totaling a maximum of three semesters or five quarters, including summer sessions and intersessions, per credit course and if all other requirements of this chapter are satisfied. For purposes of this section, enrollments include any combination of withdrawals and repetitions.

This essentially means that colleges cannot receive funding without issuing a letter grade to students. Where substandard academic work has been recorded for the attendance of a student in a credit course, apportionment may be claimed for a maximum of two repetitions of the course to alleviate substandard work.

As the LACCD receives a lump sum of money from the state and it is dispersed among the colleges collectively, so does the grading academic record within the district.

To help avoid this set of problems, students need to know what qualifies as a withdrawal.

No notation ("W" or other) shall be made on the academic record of the student who withdraws during the first four weeks or 30 percent of a term, whichever is less. Withdrawal between the end of the fourth week (or such time as established by the district) and the last day of the fourteenth week

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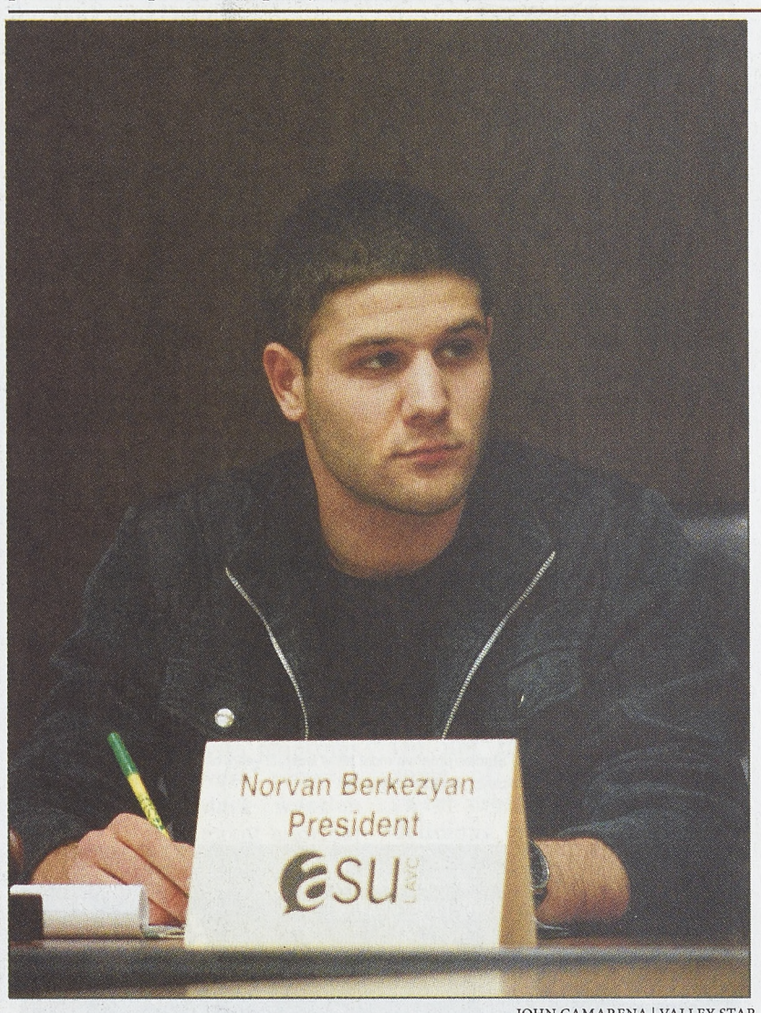

JOHN CAMARENA | VALLEY STAR

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM - ASU President Norvan Berkezyan meets with ASU to discuss budgets on tuesday Oc. 25 for an event promoting the dream act.

ASU IS DREAMING OF EQUALITY ON CAMPUS

The Associated Student Union debates how to deal with funding for clubs and sponsored events.

KATE KRANTZ
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Associated Student Union determined Tuesday that it is officially supporting Public Relations Commissioner Javiera Infante's efforts to host an information forum in early November regarding the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act – more popularly known by its acronym, the DREAM Act.

The DREAM Act is a legislation that is composed of two bills: AB 130 and AB 131. The bills allow for undocumented students who already meet the residency criteria for California in-state tuition to obtain scholarships and be eligible for state grants and fee waivers not derived from state funds.

The California State Assembly approved the first half of the bill,AB 130, in June, and Gov. Jerry Brown signed the second portion, AB 131, earlier this month.

Flustered by the news, the council assumed it had to take a political position. A mild debate over what approach it planned to take broke out amongst the members.

"Normally, when someone is planning an event, they don't bring it to the board," said ASU President Norvan Berkezyan. "That was the only difference. The issue was, 'Why are you bringing it to the board? Is it to get approval for an event or do you want the board to officially support this legislation?' [The latter] wasn't the case."

The DREAM Act ispredecessor the follow-up legislation to AB540, a bill signed into law by former Gov. Gray Davis in 2001 that amends the California education code,

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The campus will be closed on Friday Nov.11 due to Veteran's Day.

"Spring Awakening" sponsored by LAVC Theater Arts Department starts Friday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. at the LAVC Horseshoe Theater. Tickets: $16 General, $10 Students and Seniors, $12 Children

ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

Chief Photographer Antwone Mercer has exclusive coverage of Occupy L.A. in this week's photo gallery.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

ROBERTSON IS ON THE MEND

Despite an injury, Christian Robertson is determined to play football.

KATE KRANTZ
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A separated shoulder has proven to be Christian Robertson's Achilles' heel.

The one-time Monarchs quarterback injured his shoulder in a home game against the West Los Angeles Wildcats in early October when an opponent tackled him to the ground, but he doesn't plan to let that keep him down for long. Although Robertson is injured, he plans to resume playing before the season is over.

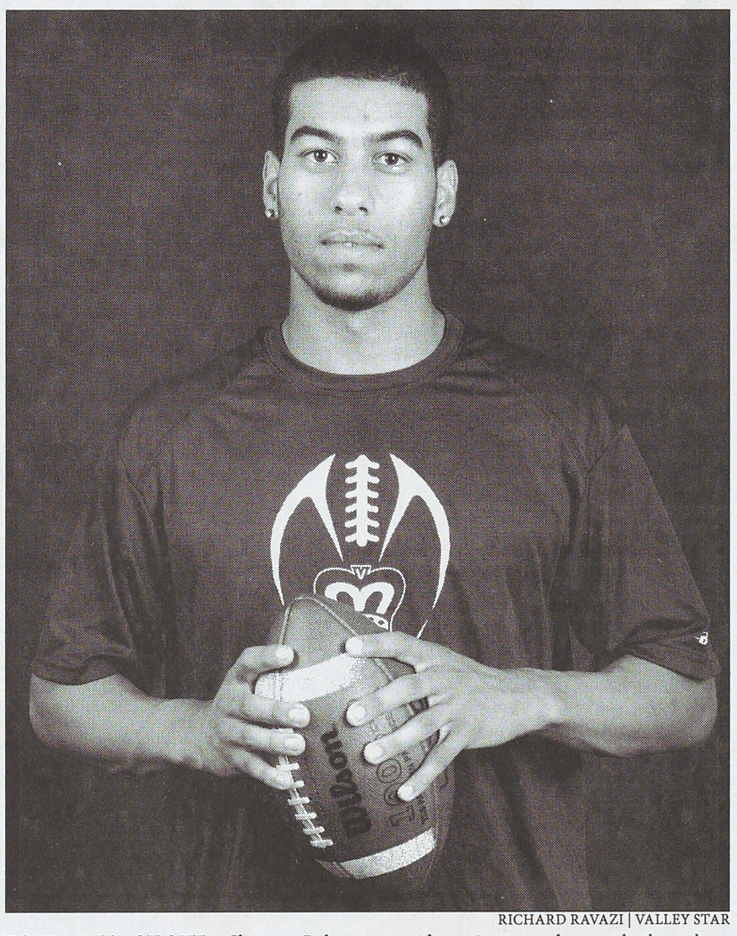
"Once he's in something, he sticks to it and it's hard for him to just give up something, especially football because that is everything," said his sister, Cheyenne Robertson.

For 19-year-old Robertson, football is a full-time commitment, with six five-hour days a week and a game every other Saturday. From exercising in the weight room to studying film of past games and practicing passes with the receivers, football occupies most of Robertson's time.

"When you have a strong bond, it makes you love the game that much more because you're playing with your brothers," said Robertson. "We have a good team. I'm happy with the guys I have and I wouldn't trade them for anybody else."

When he returns this season, Robertson hopes to improve his connection with the receivers, perfect his defense reads and attain more than 300 yards passing in a game.

The second quarterback of the season to fall, Robertson was promoted from wide receiver to quarterback during the fourth game of the season in late September against San Diego Mesa Olympians. Daniel Owens, who started the season as quarterback, fractured his femur in the second quarter, leaving him out for the remainder of the season.



RICHARD RAVAZI | VALLEY STAR

DOWN, BUT NOT OUT - Christian Robertson, a wide receiver turned quarterback won't stay out of the game for long despite a shoulder injury. He plans to recover and get back on the field with his brothers.

"I just knew right away that I was going in," said Robertson. "It was a lot [of work], but I came out, got the job done and had fun."

Almost foreshadowing Owens' injury, Coach Jim Fenwick began training Robertson as sub-quarterback the week before the accident. History repeating itself, the same occurred last year, his senior year at Pete Knight High School in Palmdale.

Leading the charge for the Monarchs, Robertson earned the team its second victory with 156 passing yards.

"You have to be ready to go in no matter what, and he was ready for it," said Owens.

Robertson stands at 6 feet and is listed at a modest 175 pounds. His light-brown skin is covered with tattoos representing faith, luck, fate and family.

Robertson grew up in Palmdale, but he currently resides in Chatsworth with his mother and siblings.

After obtaining his associate's degree from Valley College, Robertson aspires to play Div. I football for Oregon State University as he pursues his dream to play for the NFL.

"[I have learned to] always stay ready," said Robertson. "Anything can happen to a player on our team or even me so you always have to be ready. And sometimes, it's hard to get back up on your feet and if I make mistakes, I just come in the next day ready to do better."

ASU

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permitting students who attended a California high school for more than three years and graduated – as well as filled out documents and stated their intent to apply for citizenship – to apply for selected aid.

"I proposed it to the board, representing the AB540 community because I am an AB540 student myself," said Infante. "I know what its like to be in that situation when you are looking for ways ... [to] fund your education. I felt compelled to bring that to the board and make this event an ASU-sponsored event. We foster equality in our campus."

ASU meetings are held every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Campus Center 104 and are open to students. The agenda for each upcoming meeting is located on the ASU bulletin boards in various locations on campus and in the ASU office on the second floor of the Student Services building.

Winter Session

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compared to core requirements—such as math—hasn't made it easy to keep on schedule. "I feel like they [physical exercise classes] are always open; I've never had a problem adding,"said Sarmientl. "There's too many compared to math."

According to Carleo, there are several reasons for the 14 one-unit physical education classes offered this winter: hitting the enrollment goal by offering classes that are guaranteed to attract a large number of students, continuing to employ the salaried faculty who are paid yearly as opposed to per unit, and letting students "fill in the gap in knowledge before the spring semester." The physical education classes are also a requirement for students athletes on campus.

Valley, East Los Angeles, and Los Angeles Trade-Tech College are currently the only three out of the nine campuses in the Los Angeles Community College District offering classes during the winter 2012 session. The five-week summer and winter sessions are not considered part of Valley's general calendar and are added only if the budget and the enrollment goal are met. "It's a tool we can use as we need to, to meet our goals," said Carleo.

Nineteen-year-old Daniel Chang, criminal justice major at CSUN, is taking philosophy and speech classes at Valley because classes at CSUN are too full. Chang was unaware of the winter session, but to graduate on time and save money on tuition, he will be taking more classes at Valley. "It's cheaper here, so that's nice," said Chang.

Whether there will be a summer session at Valley has not yet been decided. According to Carleo, "We must meet the enrollment goal, see what the budget is, and then decide." What is certain is the future $10 fee increase, from $36 to $46 per unit, starting with the fall 2012 session.

GRADING POLICY

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of instruction (or 75 percent of a term, whichever is less) shall be authorized.

The "W" shall not be used in calculating grade point averages, but shall be used in determining probation and dismissal from the college.

While this could be an issue for future matriculation and transfer rates for the college, Valley President Sue Carleo feels this change will ultimately be a benefit.

"It could actually have a positive impact, causing transfer and matriculation numbers to improve," said Carleo. "We will need to monitor this situation and review the impact once we have several semesters of data."

Math Department Chair Sheri Berger also feels conflicted. " As a teacher, I have very mixed emotions because I see the argument that's presented, but I also see the access issue that has been presented. I also see the students that are taking the classes and they are coming more and more unprepared to do college-level math work, and we have a lot of students taking course work to learn skills that should have been attained prior to college."

According to Florentino Manzano, Acting Vice President of Student Services, "The new policy will do what is designed to do…limit the number of times a student can take a course without success."

While the new policy is applicable to most classes, there are some exceptions to the rule.

Students with disabilities are allowed to repeat classes for students with disabilities any number of times based on an individualized determination that such repetition is required. The district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA each time the course is repeated.

Another exception is military withdrawal, which occurs when a student who is a member of an active or reserve United States military service receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses. Upon verification, no "W" will be received. In these cases, the withdrawal symbol "MW."

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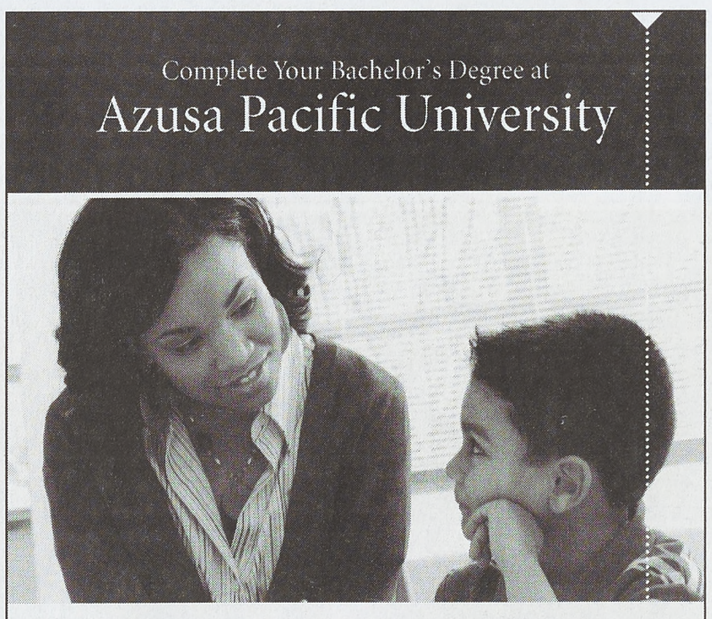
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LAVC Vocal Faculty Concert sponsored by the LAVC Music Department @ 1- 2 p.m. (Music 106 - Music Recital Hall); Admission: Free – Contact: LAVC Music Department Concert Hotline (818) 778-5633 Music Department Web Page

New Student Orientation sponsored by LAVC Counseling Department @ 6- 8 p.m. (Student Services Center – Multi-Purpose Room) – Contact: Barbara Goldberg (818) 947-2647

Thursday, Nov. 3

New Student Orientation sponsored by LAVC Counseling Department @ 10 am- 12 noon (Student Services Center – Multi-Purpose Room) – Contact: Barbara Goldberg (818) 947-2647

CSUN College Fair sponsored by LAVC Career/Transfer Center @ 10 am- 1 pm (Monarch Square); Parking: Lot B – Contact: Clive Gordon (818) 778-5576

Upward Bound Thursday Workshop sponsored by the LAVC Upward Bound Program @ 4- 6 pm (Student Services Center – Multi-Purpose Room) – Contact: Julie Vasquez (818) 947-2687 Upward Bound Web Page

LAVC Job Training Program @ 6- 9:30 pm (Cafeteria Conference Room) – Contact: Dale Beck (818)947-2941

@ THE MOVIES

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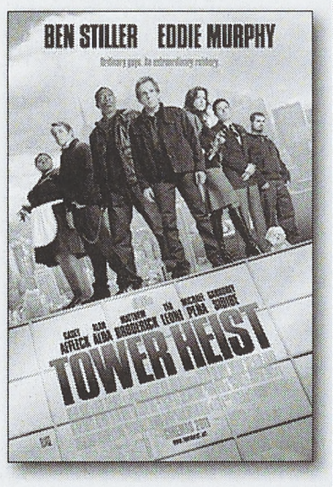

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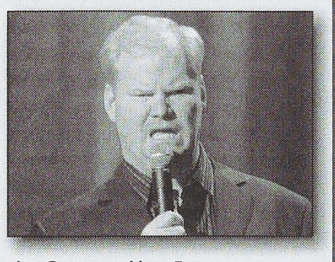

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DIVERSITY COMMITTEE TEACHES ABOUT BULLYING

The Diversity Committee and the Gay and Straight Alliance hosted a documentary showing and in order to raise awareness against bullying towards gay and lesbians.

SANDRA SAY
STAFF WRITER

The Diversity Committee and the Gay-Straight Alliance at Valley College hosted a documentary screening Oct. 25, to raise awareness against bullying.

Gathering in the Student Service's Multi Purpose Room, dozens of students watched "Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History" about Jamie Nabozny, a Wisconsin teenager who suffered bullying through high school and middle school because of his sexual orientation. The film has an inspirational message for students who might be suffering the same kind of abuse as Nabozny who refused to stay quiet and sued his former schools fro not being able to protect him.

"[The documentary] shows someone who was bullied, and he didn't just take it; he stood up for himself, and he was also a really good role model for other students who are bullied," said Kayala Woodhouse, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance.

After the documentary, students were encouraged to participate in an open forum in which they answered and asked questions about the subject of bullying. During the forum, students were asked questions by the Gay-Straight Alliance such as, "Have you ever bullied someone?" "Have you even been bullied?" "Have you ever witnessed bullying and what have you done about it?" Some students confessed that they, in fact, had bullied someone in their lifetime, and others confessed to have been bullied in the past. Compliance Officer Charmagne M. Shearrill also discussed with students the subject of cyber bullying in young people.

"Posting things on FaceBook or tweeting messages saying something negative about someone, and sending nasty emails; all of that fall under bullying, and is not okay on any level," said Shearrill. "Once it is out there on the World Wide Web, you can't delete it."

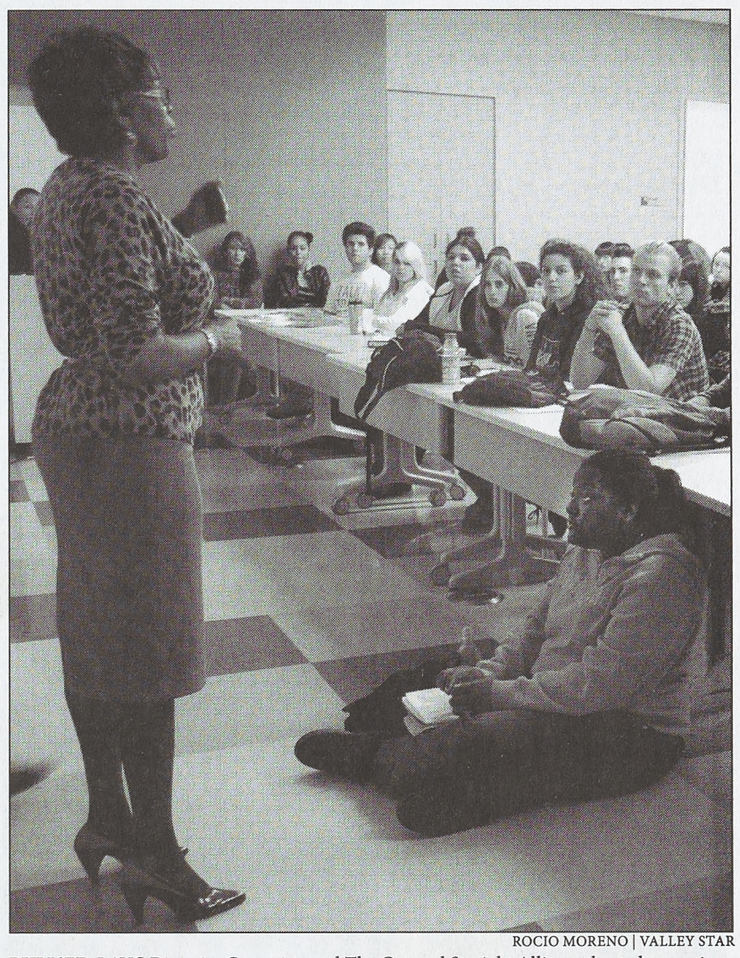
In addition to The Diversity Committee and the Gay-Straight Alliance, the event was also partnered with The Trevor Project, an organization that provides intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth.

Brett Fonseca, an intern for the Trevor Project and representative of the Project in Valley was also present at the event on Oct. 25.

"To be completely honest, as a high school student, I grew up bisexual and transgender," said Fonseca. "There was a time in my life when I was very depressed and the Trevor project was there for me at that time, so when I entered Valley, I decided to begin volunteering for them, and then I was accepted into their internship program."

Although it may seem as though bullying does not occur on a college level, Woodhouse says, "There are people still being bullied for being gay. A lot of people don't realize it, but it still happens in this day and age."

The Gay-Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Behavioral Science Building, room 102.For more information about the Trevor Project, visit TheTrevorProject.org



ROCIO MORENO | VALLEY STAR

BULLiED-LAVC Diversity Committe and The Gay and Straight Allience, hosted a meeting, Oct. 25, in the student services multi-purpose room. A Q&A led by GSA and the participation of Charmagne Shearrill.

FOOD REVIEW

EDUARDO ALVARADO | VALLEY STAR

NAPOLEON COMPEX- Napoleon pastry at Portos is described by them as a layers of crispy puff pastry layered with vanilla custard and real whip cream. Decorated with puff pastry flakes.

PORTOS PROVES THAT LIFE IS OH SO SWEET

Wildly popular Latin Porto's Bakery and Cafe continues to live up to the expectations.

SANDRA SAY
STAFF WRITER

Descending from Cuba, the owners of Porto's Bakery continue to impress with their variety of pastries and traditional Latin cuisine. Locations include Glendale, Burbank and Downey.

Walking into any one of the three Porto's Cafés located you're confronted with an auditorium-like sound of chattering customers and chocolate, cinnamon, vanilla, raspberry aromas and many more of the sweet ingredients that make up Porto's cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies, breads and cakes.

The bakery is always filled with many vociferous and hungry customers standing in long lines, prepared to place their orders. There are two lines inside the bakery, one for in-house orders and the other for take-out.Ordering food is a bit chaotic due to the large amount of customers, which can also make dining-in somewhat off-putting.

The interior of Porto's Bakery is made up of white walls decorated with paintings of bakers and several pictures of Cuba. The dark wooden seats make an elegant contrast with the white walls. A playlist of vibrant Latin music plays in the background throughout the day, although it is not audible due to the racket of all the customers.

Porto's Bakery carries a wide variety of salads, soups, sandwiches, signature pastries and breakfast specials (served until 11 a.m.). Since this is a Cuban bakery, a sandwich Cubano is a wise choice. This delicious treat is made up of slow roasted pork, ham, swiss cheese, butter, mayo/mustard and pickles on Cuban bread served warm with a side of fried plantains. Accompany any sandwich with a slice of cake such as tres leches, yellow sponge cake soaked in a three-milk sauce and finished with torched meringue, or a señorita, which is made up of layers of crispy puff pastry lined with custard and real whipped cream finished with powder sugar. Or perhaps, the checkers, a true winner made up of white sponge cake, Bavarian cream and chocolate mousse topped with chocolate ganache.

Despite the high quality of Porto's service and the excellent location in Burbank, the prices are very reasonable. An entire meal, including a sandwich and a slice of cake or any other dessert, costs around $10. Entire cakes for take-out or catering are priced at $14 and up.

Whether a first visit or a hundredth, Porto's Bakery and Café will surprise with each experience thanks to its endless choices of sweets, breads, soups, sandwiches and beverages. Do not forget to take home some of Porto's empanadas, sweet croissants or any of its delicious breads as a reminder of the delightful eatery and it's traditional Cuban cuisine.

Burbank's Porto's Bakery and Café is located at 3614 W. Magnolia Blvd in Burbank . Additional bakeries are located in Glendale and Downey.

CLUB DAY SUITS MANY INTERESTS

This year's club day at Valley College had a diverse selection of affiliations.

MICHAEL MKERCHYAN
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

The Valley College club day featured a wide array of campus affiliations and Halloween-themed activities Oct. 26 as each group worked topublicize their particular club, in hopes of gaining new members."Club day was a success," said ASU president Norvan Berkezyan. "The theme was Halloween, and all the clubs did a great job in decorating their tables. I saw many new students who were interested in joining clubs."

Among the Halloween-themed activities was the Tau Alpha Epsilon honor society's $1 costume sale to raise funds.

"Overall, the atmosphere of club day was very festive and the enthusiasm was contagious," said Berkezyan. "It seems to me that with every club day, the clubs get more and more creative and club days become better and better."

Among the clubs that turned out to get their missions across to students was the Pre-medical Engineers Science Scholars Association. PESSA President, biology major Petros Kosoyan, said, "What we do is to try and incorporate as much scientific learning to the students as we can. We have different speakers from different schools come and explain how to get into medical programs or the engineering programs. We have certain trips to certain places that will expand our minds, like biologically, scientifically, mathematically, chem.-wise, everything like that."

One club with a steady stream of people coming to their display was Valley's online radio station, KVCM Los Angeles.

Broadcasting major and KVCM DJ Frankie Sotello said, "Club day is pretty cool because we get all the students, and we play all kinds of underground music, and the vibe is really good for them. Having all the people around, especially students, and talking to them to see what they think and trying to get them signed up is a really a good time."

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CRITICS REMAIN IGNORANT OVER CHANGE

The NCAA finally wises up and does what it should have decades ago.

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Last Thursday the governing organization for college athletes gave conferences the ability to issue up to $2,000 in stipend money to student athletes. This money is in addition to any scholarships the student athlete receives, and is meant to help cover the remaining costs incurred for their college education. Many critics of the decision think this "incredibly large" sum of cash is too much to pay college athletes, or in more detailed terms: the students who drive other potential students to attend the Universities while bringing in huge revenue through ticket and merchandise sales.

"Go back and examine the life of a student-athlete in intercollegiate sports in America today, and see how privileged they are to be where they are and the opportunities they have."

Maybe we should start penalizing those students who receive large scholarships for academic reasons since the average student decided to be average … Athletes bring spirit, tradition, and large sums of money to schools in the NCAA, and are significantly under compensated for their services.

"I think institutions like us could clearly afford it," panelist and LCU Chancellor Micahel Martin said. "I'm not sure all can. Also right now, we're very sensitive on our campus to the fact that the faculty have gone three years without any salary adjustment. And then to say that every student athlete gets $2,000 at the same time that we may have to go another year without one, only builds up that tension between faculty leadership and the administration and athletics. So I want to think carefully about the unintended consequences of expanding additional resources on athletes at a time when the rest of the institution has been so heavily taxed by budget cuts."

This would be a good point by Chancellor Martin if we excluded the fact that the NCAA model for scholarships hasn't been changed in 40-years, according to NCAA President Mark Emmert. It would also be a valid point if anyone else besides Martin's wife would purchase a "chancellor Martin" jersey.

Being a student athlete at the collegiate level is a full time job. These athletes, especially football players, risk their bodies in hopes of one day becoming a professional in their sport. Unfortunately over 98 percent of these "over-paid and over privileged" students will never play at the professional level. The $2,000 is pennies in comparison to what these athletes, many of them superstars, deserve … but it's a start.

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TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE- Despite an eleventh-hour goal by freshman Santiago Rodriguez, 12, American River College failed to beat the Valley College men's water polo team, as the Monarchs beat the Beavers 13-11 at home Saturday, sending Valley to the Western State Conference championship this Friday and Saturday.

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COME HERE - Wide reciever Christoph Walker stops short of the first down by the Corsairs' Kris Johnson after picking up a 5-yard screen pass.

A SECOND HALF BLOWOUT GIVES THE MONARCHS A RUDE AWAKENING

The Santa Monica Corsairs held Valley College scoreless Saturday in the second half, winning 26-22 despite a halftime deficit.

ANTWONE MERCER
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The Monarchs fell short Saturday against the Santa Monica Corsairs, giving up 20 unanswered points in the second half, in a 22-26 loss which gave Valley College it's fourth defeat of the season.

"That's the series that defines you," said Corsairs Coach Gifford Lindheim. "We were our worst enemies in the first half with turnovers and penalties, but we were able to overcome our misfortunes and win the game."

With two early first-quarter rushing touchdowns and a two-point conversion by replacement quarterback Morey Corson and running-back Michael Johnson, Valley appeared to have that similar spark that gave them a 27-0 victory over the Sanata Barbara Vaqueros last week. However, Corsairs quarterback Alfonso Medina connected with wide receiver Kris Comas for a 34-yard touchdown right before halftime, which quickly changed the momentum of the game.

"We knew it would be a close game and that it would probably come down to this," said Monarch Coach Jim Fenwick. "We were not able to take advantage of Santa Monica's mistakes, and they were [able to take advantage of ours]."

Monarch injuries continued to offsetit'soffenseassecondreplacement quarterback Croson who replaced Chris Robertson due to an injured shoulder, struggled to get anything going in the third and fourth quarters. Corson went 1-9 on completions and fumbled a critical possession midway through the fourth quarter.

Santa Monica's defense played a key role in the outcome of the game, holding the Monarchs to only 59 total yards of offense and zero points in the second half.

After going up by four with seven minutes left in regulation, Santa Monica only allowed three carries for a total of14 yards, completely shutting down the Monarch's air attack.

"It was a tough one," said Corsairs' defensive-end Johnatha Barkley, who was responsible for swatting down the pass on fourth down to stop Valley's final offensive possession. "[Valley] came out and ran the ball right down the middle, and we had to get in there and play a grown man's game to stop it.",

The 4-4 Monarchs will matchup against the Southwest Cougars at Monarch Stadium Saturday. Kick-off is slated for 6 p.m.

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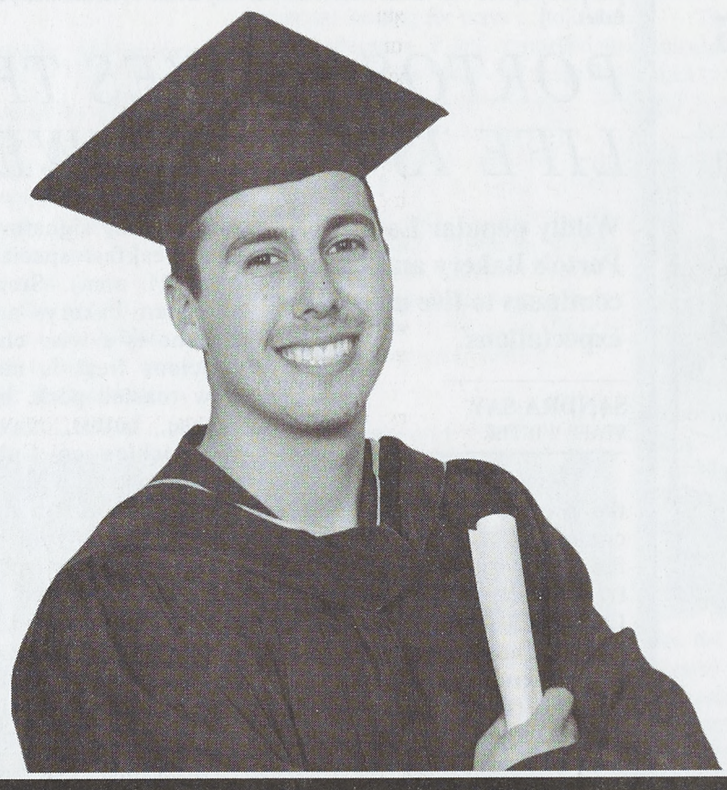

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